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SECURITY INFORMATION

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Scattered Materials of Intelligence Value

1. [redacted] of FDD, [redacted] of O/RR, and [redacted] of O/CD Library met with [redacted] to review the extent of the problem of materials of intelligence value which are scattered throughout the Government and to discuss the ways of meeting the problem.

2. The following points were generally agreed upon:

a. Any answer to the problem should for the present be limited to economic, scientific and technical materials on the USSR and its Satellites (including China and other Asiatic Satellites).

b. The job is an extensive one and can be done only with authoritative backing.

c. The approach to non-IAC holdings should be through the head of the agency to the responsible official in the library field who should be asked to make the initial survey of that agency's holdings. The results of a crude survey made by O/RR in the field of Soviet economics should give CIA the basis for checking results. Any approach to non-IAC agencies should include a tender of CIA help, (1) through providing a team to do the necessary cataloguing, (2) through providing personnel on a loan basis, or (3) through providing funds.

d. With respect to materials in the IAC agencies and their parent departments, a different approach, using the direct authority of the IAC, would appear to be indicated.*

e. To the extent that materials recovered would be entered in the Library of Congress Slavic Union Catalog, the Library of Congress should share the sponsorship of this operation with CIA. It was observed that the value to U. S. scholars in general would be an important selling point in bringing these materials to light.

* The G-2 problem is partly in hand through (1) FDD exploitation of current foreign language serial material received in G-2, which is sent to FDD on an indefinite loan basis after it has circulated in G-2; and (2) a proposal for the systematic withdrawal of such material from the G-2 library for exploitation in FDD.

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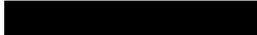
f. For most effective intelligence access to these materials, they should be indexed in the reference system of the CIA Library and the agency holding them should make them readily available to the intelligence community.

g. A pattern must be developed to take care of future processing, possibly at strategic check points, as new materials come into the Government.

h. The scope and coverage of the Slavic Union Catalog and other Library of Congress indexing projects should be continually borne in mind in order to avoid duplicate cataloging.

i. The primary responsibility for this operation should lodge in the O/CD Library, with FID providing the special language competence which may be required.

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